

RECEIVED

JAN 11 2001

RECEIVED
TECH CENTER 1600/2900
JAN - 9 PM 1:22

#3/A

AKD

1-23-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
JONATHAN S. STAMLER) Group Art Unit: 1614
Patent Application No. 09/782,077)
Filed: February 14, 2001)
For: TREATING PULMONARY DISORDERS)
WITH GASEOUS AGENT CAUSING)
REPLETION OF GSNO)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

a'
Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 2, with the following rewritten
paragraph:

This invention relies on the conception that for lung disorders associated with depletion of the S-nitrosoglutathione (GSNO) pool in lung or depletion of the glutathione pool in lung or increased production of reactive oxygen species in lung, treatment with inhaled gases to replete or increase the S-nitrosoglutathione pool and/or to react preferentially with glutathione to form other NO glutathione derivatives independently of reaction with oxygen, would provide the benefits of treatment using gas inhalation of matching ventilation to perfusion and suitability for